





REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICTS NO. 2. AND 3.

THE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

In the Village Precinct, has been taught throughout the entire year by Miss Merial A. Whipple. The Committee take great satisfaction in recording their high appreciation of Miss Whipple's labors. Nothing has occurred to mar the prosperity of this school.

THE SOUTH PRIMARY

Was taught during the first term by Miss Maria L. Robertson. Her school was remarkable for its good order, and for thoroughness and finish of instruction.

The second term was begun by Miss Osgood, but it being necessary to transfer her to the High School at the end of the first week, Miss E. L. Lathrop was engaged to finish the term.

The third term was kept by Miss R. H. Taylor, who threw herself into her work with great earnestness.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Was under charge of Miss C. A. Pennock for the first term. Miss P. has had considerable experience in teaching elsewhere. The instruction given was good. The Committee would gladly have

seen a stronger bond of personal sympathy established between teacher and scholars. In an effort to secure this, the teacher must have the warm cooperation of her pupils or she can hardly succeed.

The second term was commenced by Miss Kate L. Jewell, of whom the Committee had high expectations; but she receiving a much more advantageous and permanent offer, they could not well refuse her request to be permitted to give up her engagement to them at the end of the first week. Miss Osgood was immediately transferred from the South Primary, and the Committee felt confident that the school would suffer in no material respect by the change. Miss Osgood, however, was taken sick after a week's teaching, and staid out a few days; but beginning again too soon, was obliged to give up and return to her home, where after a short sickness, she died. The committee place on record their willing testimony to her high worth as a teacher and as a lady. Miss Nancy Morse was engaged to finish the school, which she did with her accustomed ability.

The third term was taught with excellent success by Miss Agnes R. Walker, of whose qualifications as a teacher much may be said in praise.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Has had but one term. It has been kept during the past winter by Miss J. E. B. Dutton. It was a somewhat troublesome school to manage, but Miss Dutton, by perseverance, secured as good success as could have been expected.

The committee consider that the department under their charge has labored under peculiar disadvantages during a portion of the year. After the first term was well begun, the small pox broke out in the immediate neighborhood of some of the schools, and necessitated the closing of them for one or two weeks. The work of the second term was broken up by the unexpected changes of teachers which took place in the lower and middle schools. These occurrences greatly disturbed the regular course of things in those schools, and rendered the children uneasy and discontented. The steady progress of the last term has in most cases restored a proper balance. The year, on the whole, has perhaps been as satisfactory as it was possible to expect.

A change of reading books has been made during the year. Hillard's New Series has been substituted for the old throughout the town, being considered better adapted for their purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS CHASE, *Sup. Com. Village Precinct.*

TO THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN :—Since the undersigned has acted as Superintendent of your Schools it has been his aim that no scholar should leave the Common School, "the College for the people," unqualified for the duties of life, or unfitted to discharge the high trusts of the American citizen.

He has endeavored so to classify every scholar in each school, that this very desirable result could best be attained. While it has not required much argument to convince the scholar of the necessity of Penmanship and Arithmetic, it has not always been easy to persuade him to continue the study of Geography for a time sufficiently long to enable him to understand it thoroughly. It has been difficult to persuade some to engage in the study of English Grammar, the science of our beautiful language. This difficulty has so far been overcome that few scholars now leave your schools unacquainted with the art of speaking and writing correctly their own mother tongue.

But we must raise our schools to a higher standard mentally and morally as well. The whole community must join for this purpose. Though we may adopt different theories in religion and politics, all sects and parties must unite in the education of the young. It has been a most striking defect in our system of education that females were so generally uninstructed in the substance of practical life. Much precious time was devoted in early life to some accomplishments which are neglected or forgotten amidst the cares of mature years.

The demand for females as teachers, and for other responsible positions has vastly increased within the last few years, and this demand continues. The foundation of the qualifications for the proper discharge of the duties of their positions, should be laid by a thorough and systematic knowledge of the primary branches, thus securing a sure basis on which the advantages of the Academy and the Higher Institutions may rest ; keeping constantly in view that

every thing which tends to enlarge, refine and adorn the female mind is a positive advantage to society.

PARENTAL INFLUENCE IN SCHOOLS.—The neglect of parents is the great reason that our schools are not more useful. When public or private amusements, the festive assembly or the social party become the absorbing object, and supersede the paramount interest of the school, can we fail to account for the long lists of absence and tardiness which deface the school register?

While we should ever encourage all suitable recreations for the young, we would always hold them subservient to the requirements of the school. Parents should seasonably provide the necessary books, and teach their children to use and preserve them with care, and to be studious at home; should see that their scholars attend punctually, and are respectful and obedient; should attend the school-district meetings, and choose competent and faithful district officers.

When complaints are made against teachers, investigate the charges before condemning. Visit the school, and encourage and sustain what is good; when evils exist, take the proper course to remove them.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.—In no place is it more important to lay aside prejudice and self interest, and to act with a single eye to the public good, than in the selection of teachers. The Prudential Committee can scarcely be too vigilant in this duty. The teacher should possess the requisite qualifications for the school to be instructed; for "as is the teacher, so will be the school." And if the instructor be incompetent, the school must be of little value. Though any one selected for a teacher, may on examination, be rejected for "not producing satisfactory evidence of good moral character, or not possessing a suitable temperament and disposition for government, or for being unqualified to teach," yet the examination is usually made just before the school should commence, at a time when a good teacher to supply a vacancy, can be found only with difficulty. "Upon petition of a majority of the legal voters in any district, the teacher may be dismissed, when it will, in the judgment of the Superintendent, best promote the interests of the district." And "the Superintending Committee shall (without petition) dismiss every teacher found incompetent or unfit, or who

shall neglect or refuse to conform to any regulation made by such committee, notwithstanding a certificate has been given, and such teacher shall be entitled to compensation until such dismissal, but not longer, (Laws of 1845, 1857,-8.) When unfortunately, the necessity arises for a dismissal, the Prudential Committee may refuse or neglect to procure another teacher, and before the proper measures can be had for that purpose, the season for the usefulness of the school may have passed. Therefore the necessity of the strictest scrutiny in selecting district officers, and school teachers.

The Superintendent is required "to examine each school *at least twice*," and the more important schools, and those denoting particular attention, for various good reasons have been examined three or more times, with the following results :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Both terms were kept by Miss Graves, of Chesterfield. The district has a school library. The school-room, though small, is neat, and supplied with a clock, outline maps, and books of reference. Miss Graves is a practical teacher, and by a quiet, dignified and firm course, secured good order, and gained the respect and love of her scholars. A commendable advance was made in all the branches pursued.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This is one of the most advanced schools, and the largest one out of the Village. The citizens appreciate the importance of education by frequent visits to the school-room. Miss Evalina L. Lathrop kept the Summer Term. The school appeared well, and the exercises at the closing examination, were interesting. Mr. Homer J. Whipple, teacher in the Winter, possesses very good literary qualification. He labored arduously in season and out : secured the love and respect of his scholars and the esteem of the district. — With more attention to system and discipline, Mr. Whipple will make a valuable acquisition to our corps of teachers. The class in reading, arithmetic and grammar, are excellent, in mental arithmetic they excel.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Emma G. Clark taught the Summer school. This was Miss Clark's first school in this town. Her qualifications were very good ;

she appeared at home in the school-room, and acquitted herself to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is regretted that she has withdrawn from teaching. Miss Maria L. Roberson, teacher in the winter, has been connected with our schools for many years. Uniting to other necessary requisites, tact in governing, and skill in all the minutiae of the school, her usual good success has attended this term. No one of our districts has been more fortunate in selecting teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This school was at one time the largest in the town. A large class of the older scholars have recently left, and it has now an average of but fourteen scholars. The teacher in the summer, Miss Laura A. Demming, of Cornish, came well recommended, and she performed all that zeal, patience and industry could accomplish. Mr. S. W. Butterfield of Springfield, Vt., taught in the winter. The appearance of the school at the first examination was respectable. But before the close of the term he appeared to have lost his hold on the reins of government. The school now demands a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Laura A. Perry, a beginner, and lately one of the scholars, taught in the summer. With practice, and under more favorable circumstances, she may make a good instructor. Miss Bell M. Lewis of Claremont was teacher in the winter. With ample literary qualifications, tact, talent, and force of character, Miss Lewis made the school an eminently successful one—such as no one on visiting can fail to be instructed as well as interested. The classes in all the branches are fine.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The number of scholars is small, and there was no summer school. Miss Eliza B. Hall of Springfield Vt., kept in the winter. This was Miss Hall's first school. Being well qualified and confident of her ability to govern, she succeeded well. The house was repaired and painted last season.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Etta M. Barker kept the summer term. Most of the scholars were young, but they appeared attentive and interested and

made good progress. With more practice and confidence Miss Barker will become a good teacher. Miss Julia A. Dunham of Westminster Vt. taught in the winter. The general appearance of the school at the commencement of the term was very good, though at that time representations were made that the larger scholars were not permitted to read, except from the Scriptures in the morning. This being deemed as an error, the teacher was requested to correct it, and the request was repeated, but it was learned, at the last examination that the request was little regarded. This, united perhaps with other causes, led to an estrangement between the teacher and a part of the district, which seriously impeded the progress of the scholars. So important is the art of Reading, that in all our district schools, not crowded with too many scholars, it should be attended to regularly, at least each day, with a thorough weekly drill.

DISTRICT NO. 10

Has had no school during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Both teachers were beginners. Miss Anna R. Haywood, in charge in the Summer, had only a small number of scholars, but an interesting school, with good classes in the prime branches, spelling, and Mental Arithmetic.

Mr. Hubbard Copeland of Washington, came into the Winter School with an ambition and a will, sure to make a way. His government and instruction were very good ; fine classes were being trained to fill the places vacated by older scholars. Most of the parents with many others, were present at the interesting exercise of the examination. Though the school-house is rather difficult of access, half the scholars in the summer, and one-third in the winter, have no marks of absence or tardiness.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

This school, like that in No. 11, is situated away from the alluring, and demoralizing influences of the Village. The source of attraction is the school, and the citizens strive for the best interests.

Miss Kate A. Labaree taught in the summer. In discipline and system, her school was second to none ; and the progress in all the studies was excellent. Mr. George E. Wiley, of Weston, Vermont,

teacher in the winter, proved to a demonstration that he possessed the requisites to make the school pleasant and successful. The school comes near the model standard. He was present with the largest delegation to meet the County School Commissioner at Union Hall.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Miss Alice M. Morfett, of Waterbury, Vt., taught both terms. Wide awake and thorough, she infused a spirit into the school which it is hoped may be retained. No visitor could complain that the scholars did not speak loud enough to be heard, or distinct enough to be understood.

All the branches proper to be pursued received the necessary attention, and both were successful schools.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

The cloud which has lowered over this district is lifted; may it be the dawn of a brighter day. Miss Mary M. Graham taught in the summer. Miss Laura A. Demming in the winter exhibited not only the characteristics of her summer term in another district, but such other traits as the exigencies incident to this school seemed to call for. On comparing the present condition of the school with its former state, the contrast is striking. At the last examinations the appearance of the school surpassed expectation. Miss Demming had the sympathy and active support of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

The scholars in this district have attended the school in an adjoining district in Claremont.

Most of our teachers are young, several of them beginners; and as a class they will compare very favorably with the class of previous years, so far as native talents and an acquaintance with the sciences are concerned. But the fact should neither be concealed nor disguised that there is a lamentable deficiency in the art of imparting instruction. We have provided each of our school districts, (except those without a school house,) with a globe; but many of our teachers are unacquainted with their use, and can neither solve problems nor suitably explain geography with them.

Many of our school rooms are furnished with outline maps, which in some instances hang nearly useless upon the walls, the teacher being unable to give competent instruction in filling up the outlines, or in classification. This is a misfortune. Is it the fault of the teacher? We have never had a State Normal School. The N. H. Association of Teachers, and Teacher's classes at our Academies have failed to remove the deficiency. County School Commissioners have labored with zeal and perseverance; and we are under renewed obligations to the Rev. S. G. Kellogg, Commissioner of our county, for his gratuitous and highly valuable services. The re-establishment of Teachers' Institutes offers the best remedy. The necessity of this has been urged, repeated and reiterated; and it is again presented as *the great want of the times*.

In closing his connection with the schools, your Superintendent returns his sincere thanks to the teachers, district officers, parents and scholars who have so kindly aided him in his humble efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WHIPPLE, S. S. Committee.
CHARLESTOWN, N. H. March, 7, 1866.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of DISTRICT.		No. of Scholars in the District.	Average attendance in Summer.	Average attendance in Winter.	Apportionment of School Money.	Length of Summer Schools in Weeks.	Length of Winter Schools in Weeks.	Wages of Female Teachers per mo. including board.	Wages of Male Teachers per mo. including board.
Nos. 2 & 3	No. 1,	25	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$106 75	7	12	\$20 00	
	Center School,		28 $\frac{1}{2}$	24		18 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	25 67	
	Grammar School,			31 $\frac{3}{4}$			12	24 00	
	South Primary,		30 $\frac{1}{2}$	27		22	12	22 00	
	North Primary,	216	39	26	689 92	22	11	21 33	
	No. 4,	47	23	30	168 89	12	11	14 40	\$33 00
	5,	43	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	22	158 41	12	12	20 00	
	6,	37	13	15	141 19	11	11	20 00	32 00
	7,	32	15	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	126 84	10	12	20 40	
	8,	10		9	67 38		10	27 00	
	9,	24	18	19	103 88	12	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 50	
	10,	2			7 18				
	11,	19	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	89 63	8	10	16 00	28 40
	12,	26	15	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	109 62	8	13	16 00	25 00
	13,	25	17	15	106 95	12	12	20 50	
	14,	18	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	12	85 66	8	10	15 50	
	15,	6			22 44				
No. 6, in Claremont,		4			14 96				
TOTAL,		534	237 $\frac{3}{4}$	295 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$2000 00				

School money raised by the Town,	\$2,000 00
School money raised by the Village Precinct,	200 00
Interest on Swan Fund,	20 00
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	\$2,220 00

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen during the year ending February 27th, 1866' have drawn upon the town treasury and paid as follows :

For Schools.

To James E. Cassidy,	District No. 6 Claremont,	\$5 56
Alvah Spaulding,	" 12	25 00
A. H. Fisher,	" 14	27 00
Riley Goodell,	" 9	60 00
Edward Holmes,	" 11	33 00
Jonathan Baker,	" 2-3	214 33
Alpheus Perry,	" 7	25 00
N. F. Allen,	" 4	50 00
William McCrae,	" 5	36 00
George W. Hamlin,	" 6	55 00
Roswell W. Robertson,	" 13	60 00
Henry D. Pierce,	" 1	40 00
Roswell W. Robertson,	" 13	46 95
Riley Goodell,	" 9	43 88
Nathaniel B. Hull,	" 15 Claremont,	22 44
Jonathan Baker,	" 2-3	150 00
Edward Holmes,	" 11	56 63
Alpheus Perry,	" 7	101 84
A. H. Fisher,	" 14	48 60
William Rupp,	" 8	67 38
William McCrae,	" 5	122 41
Newton F. Allen,	" 4	111 25
Francis Cram,	" 12	84 62
George S. Hamlin,	" 6	86 19
James Cassiday,	" 6 Claremont,	14 96
Jonathan Baker,	" 2-3	345 59

\$1,933 63

For Roads and Bridges.

To Alvin Frost, repairs,	\$3 60
Simeon F. Ellenwood, work,	32 00
Porter Spencer, work,	8 00
Charles Gay, paid sundry persons work,	62 91
Royal Humphrey, work and lumber,	18 95
Rand White, work and lumber,	33 00
Charles Gay, paid for work,	5 40
Solomon P. Osgood, lumber,	4 05
Samuel H. Griswold, plank,	4 00
Samuel E. Gowing, Ox brook road,	75 88
Hiram T. Abbott, work,	5 75
Eben F. Corbin, labor on wharfing,	4 00
Eben H. Tidd, labor,	10 00
Jonathan P. Bates, labor,	11 86
John W. Ferguson, labor, etc.,	8 75
Charles Gay, No. Charleston bridge,	60 43
N. L. Kennedy, repairs,	7 50
Noah P. Geer, fence,	7 60
Eli Adams, plank,	17 00
Eben H. Tidd, boards, etc.,	19 50
M. W. Whipple, over work tax,	1 40
Leonard S. Fairbanks, new road,	18 00
George W. Frost, Geer water,	11 50
Edward Holmes, new road,	9 00
Nath. B. Hull, watering trough,	2 00
R. W. Robertson, laying wall,	3 00
Lucian Lane, gravel,	3 00
George S. Bond, watering trough,	2 03
Horace B. Wing, plough,	8 00
Esbond Corbin, labor,	6 75
Richard Robertson, plank walk,	3 00
Edwin F. Hubbard, watering trough,	2 00
Albert H. Wheeler, breaking road,	1 35
James S. Putnam, plank, etc.,	8 00
Ashbel Hamlin, gravel,	3 00
John W. Fisher, labor,	2 25
Roswell W. Robertson, labor,	14 17
Eben H. Tidd, clearing road,	1 75

 \$500 38
For Town Paupers.

To Josiah White, for George Smith,	\$7 25
Hiram T. Abbott, for Cooley child,	3 63
Nancy Jones, for E. Parmenter,	7 50

To Nancy Jones, for Jaseph child,	\$3 75
Alamander Powers, for W. Powers,	3 15
Ichabod Corbin, for N. Thompson, board,	13 12
Josiah White, for Eliza Thompson,	1 93
N. H. Insane Asylum, R. Heywood and C. Pollard,	96 76
John Corbin, board Thompson child,	13 50
Eben H. Tidd, goods to N. Thompson,	32 71
Mrs. George Smith, Cooley child,	6 00
Abram D. Hull, for Polly Hull,	11 29
S. F. Rossiter, for Ben Davis,	19 26
Benj. Whipple, for Lucy J. Wheaton,	78 00
Nancy Jones, for E. Parmenter,	12 50
Nancy Jones, for Jaseph child,	8 25
Mrs. George Smith, for Cooley child,	10 55
Horace Hull, for Mrs. Hull,	10 00
N. H. Insane Asylum, R. Heywood and C. Pollard,	88 62
Mrs. Geo. Smith, for Cooley child,	13 50
Nancy Jones, for Jaseph child,	8 25
Nancy Jones, for Mrs. Parmenter,	13 75
Mrs. Geo. Smith, for Cooley child,	12 25
N. H. Asylum, for R. P. Heywood,	49 75
N. H. Asylum, for C. Pollard,	40 03
Edward Holmes, for Woods child,	10 50
Nancy Jones, for Mrs. Parmenter,	10 00
Nancy Jones, for Jaseph child,	6 00
John Corbin, for Thompsons,	20 73
John W. Ferguson, for Mrs. Abbott,	4 66
Nancy Jones, for Mrs. Parmenter,	10 00
Nancy Jones, for Jaseph child,	6 00
Mrs. Geo. Smith, for Cooley child,	25 25
N. H. Asylum, for C. Pollard,	40 07
N. H. Asylum, for R. P. Heywood,	54 29
E. W. Tolles, for Ben Davis,	7 00
Mrs. Alamander Powers, for Wm. Powers,	36 00
George Gilmore, for boots and shoes,	12 60
Robertson & Porter, for livery,	2 00
Charles Gay, for clothes and shoes,	17 75
Charles E. Holbrook, for shoes,	9 00
George Farwell, for Wheaton boy,	56 92
Sarah M. Powers, for Thompsons,	11 00
Mrs. George Smith, for Cooley child,	7 50
Nancy Jones, for Mrs. Parmenter,	11 25
Nancy Jones, for Jaseph child,	6 75
Lucetta Cornwell, for Woods child,	52 00
Richard Knapp, for G. Hamlin,	5 00
Levi Willard, for Eddie Thompson,	39 00

To	F. W. Putnam, Agt., for Mrs. Smith,	\$6 42
	“ “ Wm. Powers,	7 69
	“ “ Chadborn,	3 91
	Dr. S. Webber, for attendance,	22 00
	Horace Hull, for Mrs. Hull, to April 1, '66,	55 00
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		\$1,121 59

For County Paupers.

Robert Allen for Holland Child,	\$7 50
Nancy Jones for Nancy Woods,	12 00
N. H. Asylum, for Buckley,	53 51
Nancy Jones for Nancy Woods,	12 00
Simeon F. Ellenwood for	6 00
Sumner F. Keyes, small pox,	39 00
Samuel Greeley, for Mrs. Derby,	27 15
Nancy Derby, for Mrs. Derby,	5 60
Catherine Allen for Mrs. Derby,	5 68
Sherman Cooper, for Mrs. Derby,	19 75
Robert Allen, for Holland Child,	19 50
M. G. Cushing, for Nancy Woods,	15 00
N. H. Asylum, for Buckley,	49 37
Nancy Jones, for Nancy Woods,	16 50
Robert Allen for Holland Child,	12 00
F. W. Putnam, for Mrs. Simonds,	12 50
“ “ “ for Mrs. Rigney,	46 50
“ “ “ for Madigan,	48 42
“ “ “ for Mrs. Sheehan,	15 50
Robertson & Porter, for carriage,	1 00
George Olcott, for stragglers,	10 00
Charles Gay, for stragglers.	8 23
Samuel Webber, medical fees,	32 75
F. W. Putnam, for Heath,	1 00
John W. Taylor, for Daniel Heath,	1 85
“ “ “ “ “ “	5 49
“ “ “ for Mrs. Madigan,	14 66
John W. Glidden, for Greeley,	6 00
Richard Robertson, for transient,	4 09
Nancy Jones, for Nancy Woods,	12 00
N. H. Asylum, for Buckley,	49 37
Robert Allen, for Holland child,	12 00
Nancy Jones, for N. Woods.	12 00
Ashbel Hamlin, for Sheehan and Rigney,	13 88
Robert Allen, for Holland Child,	12 00
Eben H. Tidd, for Mrs. Rigney,	19 42
Samuel Webber, for medicine,	42 00

Franklin W. Putnam, for A. Madigan,	\$30 95
“ “ “ for Rigney,	21 00
Richard Robertson, for transient,	3 50
John W. Taylor, for sundry paupers,	13 56
Charles Gay, for stragglers,	3 40
Jehial Harlow, coffin for Mrs. Gilmore,	7 00
N. H. Asylum, for Buckley,	52 53
Robert Allen, for Holland Child.	9 00
“ “ “ “ “	87
George Olcott, for stragglers,	5 25
Charles Gay, for Ticket Gilmore,	14 50
Solomon P. Osgood, for Heaths,	5 38
Robert Allen, for Holland Child,	8 32
Nancy Jones, for county paupers,	23 00
Ashbel Hamlin for Mrs. Sheehan,	7 56
John W. Taylor, for Heath,	6 32
F. W. Putnam, agent, for Hart,	4 87
F. W. Putnam, agent, for Heath,	4 69
Richard Robertson, transient,	1 00
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	\$904 92

NOTE.—The claims of the town upon the county not being fully settled with the County Commissioners, and many of the vouchers therefor being still in their hands, the Auditors have not examined this account. We recommend that for this account hereafter, *duplicate* receipts should be always taken for each payment.

For Town Farm,

To J. H. Fuller, services to Apr. 1st, 1865	\$334 40
Nathan P. Putnam, repairing,	4 09
Oren Smith, mowing machine,	75 00
J. H. Fuller, services,	60 00
Horace Metcalf, Provision,	12 00
Francis Cram, pigs,	10 00
Charles Gay, cattle,	200 00
George S. Bond, tin ware and lead pipe,	5 93
A. C. Reed, work,	3 75
Oren Smith, pasturage,	15 00
Hall Mill Co., grain,	15 69
George S. Bond, tin ware,	45
Josiah White, groceries,	75 97
S. O. Cooley & Sons, mackerel,	2 75
Nathan P. Putnam, repairs,	\$11 67
Deduct pig from town farm,	4 00
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	7 67

To Moses Milliken, blacksmithing,	\$17 99
Metcalf & Hamlin, groceries,	\$361 72
Deduct produce from town farm,	104 85
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David W. Parks, blacksmithing,	\$9 54
Charles Gay, sundries,	96 90
Deduct cash, &c., &c.,	73 87
	<hr/> 23 03
John W. Taylor, meat,	79 62
Deduct produce from town farm,	68 74
	<hr/> 10 88
Levi Willard, pasturing,	15 70
F. W. Putnam Agent, sundries,	9 73
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On Town Debt.

To Horace Hubbard, interest to April 1st, 1865,	\$3 87
Benjamin Whipple, " May 1st, "	35 50
David Holton, " " "	6 65
Hanson & West, " " "	6 40
Jennison J. Hubbard, " July 18, "	90 00
Jennison J. Hubbard, " Dec. 14, "	31 86
Daniel Clark, " March 13, 1866,	36 00
Charlotte M. Sumner, " March 1, "	63 60
Jennison J. Hubbard, " " "	60 00
Hiram Smith, " " "	19 80
Edwin F. Hubbard, " May 1, "	30 00
Conn. River Savings Bank, endorsement on note, (principal),	800 00
Conn. River Savings Bank, endorsement on note, (principal),	1,800 00
Conn. River Savings Bank, interest to Nov. 1, 1865,	666 90
Conn. River Savings Bank, " March 1, 1866,	1,080 00
Roswell Robertson, note and interest, July 11, 1865,	620 60
Briggs & Evans, trustees, note and interest, July 18, 1865,	2,615 06
Charles W. Watt, note and interest, Aug. 1, 1865,	412 00
A. & E. Whitney, note and interest, Jan. 15, 1866,	527 92
Samuel Richardson, note and interest, Jan. 20, 1866,	1,083 85
Hanson & West, note and interest, Feb. 28, 1866,	630 00
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For Cemeteries.

To Samuel H. Grinnell, work,	\$5 00
William Dana, lumber,	4 02

To Jonathan Lynds, labor,	\$20 00
Samuel H. Grinnell, lumber,	5 84
H. C. Ellinwood, labor,	2 62
William B. Quimby, locks and work,	12 00
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	\$49 48

For Abatement of Taxes.

To Benj. Whipple, coll.	75 40
Mary King,	54
Lucy Dinsmore,	88 50
Henry Graves,	3 54
A. Wetherbee,	2 86
Solomon P. Osgood,	12 19
David Tyter,	2 46
Esbond Corbin,	8 85
Benjamin Whipple, Collector, 1863,	9 30
Benjamin Whipple, Collector, 1864,	111 97
Benjamin Whipple, Collector, 1865,	61 27
C. E. Richardson, Deputy Collector, 1863,	64 08
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	\$440 96

Town Officers.

To Henry Hubbard, Auditor, 1865,	\$18 55
Henry Hubbard, Police Justice 1 year.	100 00
Thomas Whipple, School Committee,	58 70
H. C. Ellinwood, sexton,	40 75
W. B. Quimby, sexton,	8 00
Francis Chase, school committee,	17 00
Benjamin Whipple, collector,	100 00
F. W. Putnam, Town Clerk,	30 75
George Olcott, Treasurer and disbursing Agent,	75 00
John M. Glidden, soldier committee,	50 00
Eben H. Tidd, soldier committee,	25 00
Gay and Tidd Overseer of the Poor.	40 00
Brooks Kimball, Auditor,	3 75
Luther R. Aldrich, Police,	3 54
Solomon P. Osgood, Police,	16 00
Jonathan, Baker, Police,	6 00
Edmund L. Cushing, town counsel,	27 00
Charles Gay, 1st Selectman,	109 12
Eben H. Tidd, 2d Selectman,	100 00
George Olcott 3d Selectman,	75 00
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	\$963 66

For Incidentals.

To Maria L. Robertson, copying, 1864,	\$3 50
Henry L. Cooley, Commutation refunded,	100 00
Ovid L. Cooley, Commutation refunded,	100 00
Anson W. Chubb, Commutation refunded,	100 00
Frederick S. Cooley, Commutation refunded,	100 00
Edward Cooley, Commutation refunded,	100 00
George H. Powers, Commutation refunded,	100 00
Nathaniel B. Hull, Commutation refunded,	100 00
Charles C. Kimball, obtaining volunteers,	16 50
Benjamin Whipple, soldier account,	11 00
A. N. Swain, printing Reports,	35 00
Crosby & Ainsworth, binding records,	4 00
Michael Hearn, land damage,	112 00
Roswell Robertson, land damage,	200 00
Putnam & Kimball, glass,	1 68
E. Ingham, damage to coach,	5 00
M. K. Wilson, examine Pembroke records,	3 00
A. N. Swain, printing,	2 50
Claremont Manufacturing Company, printing,	4 50
Thomas Whipple, services,	1 75
Thomas Whipple, surveying,	4 75
J. White, tobacco, etc.	96
H. C. Ellenwood, Town Clock,	12 50
George S. Bond, stove,	3 05
F. W. Putnam agent, sundries,	18 48
Henry Hubbard, sundries,	4 00
John M. Glidden, powder, etc.,	5 42
Charles Gay, sundries,	6 65
Joseph Burt, Jr. lock etc.,	1 10
Joel Ward, damages,	10 00
Eben H. Tidd, Railroad tickets,	2 80
Thomas Groom & Co., printing,	6 00
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	\$1176 14

For Soldier' Fund,

To John M. Glidden, Town Agent Sub's,	\$2150 00
Albert E. Spaulding, Town Agent Sub's,	600 00
Geo. Olcott, Dist. Ag't State and Town aid,	2100 00
Geo. Olcott, Dist. Ag't State and Town aid,	115 00
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	\$4965 00

REPORT OF GEORGE OLCOTT, DISBURSING AGENT OF SOLDIERS' FUND.

Town of Charleston, in account with GEORGE OLCOTT, Disbursing Agent, for the year ending February 28th, 1866.

CREDIT.

Balance March 5th, 1865,	\$224 05	
By cash of Selectmen,	2215 00	
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DEBIT.

To Town Aid paid 22 families,	\$999 20	
To State Aid paid 35 families,	1431 85	
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Due from Agent, \$8 00.

A schedule is herewith presented showing the amount paid by the Agent to the several families during the year.

The Agent has paid no Town Aid since September last, and is advancing State Aid to only one family, that of Oliver P. Cross, who is in the Navy and not yet discharged,

GEORGE OLCOTT, *Disbursing Agent.*

Charleston, N. H., Feb. 28, 1866.

NAMES.	TOWN.	STATE.	TOTAL
Abbott Warren	\$70 25	\$70 25	\$140 50
Adams, Norman L.	19 25		19 25
Ashey, Lewis		58 25	58 55
Ashey, John		39 00	39 00
Bosworth, William J.	56 00		56 00
Corbin, James W.	23 50	23 50	47 00
Cooley, John F.	66 32	66 31	132 63
Currier, John S.		8 00	8 00
Coffrin, William		24 00	24 00
Corbin, Eben F.		68 00	68 00
Cross, Oliver P.		48 00	48 00
Delaney, William		20 00	20 00
Easter, Henry	58 25	58 25	116 50
Greene, Hiram,	19 50	19 50	39 00
Griggs, Almaran		102 00	102 00
Gardner, Peter		56 00	56 00
Kelley, John	58 25	58 25	116 50
King, John	58 25	58 25	116 50
Kendall, Horace G.	24 00		24 00
Knapp, Charles H.		112 00	112 00
Lawrence, Willard	26 92	8 00	34 92

McKeen, Patrick	\$58 25	\$58 25	\$116 50
McMahan, Michael	30 00	30 00	60 00
McMahan, Michael 2d,		19 50	19 50
Mellville, Charles,	19 50	19 50	39 00
Oliver, Mitchel		20 00	20 00
O'Brien, Patrick	38 88	38 87	77 75
Parks, George W.	46 88	46 87	93 75
Putnam, Orsen D.	104 40	8 00	112 40
Parks, David W.		19 00	19 00
Richardson, Levi G.	80 80	16 00	96 80
Royce, Frederic	40 00	40 00	80 00
Rumrill, Lucius		39 00	39 00
Spooner, Stephen A.		40 00	40 00
Smith, Erastus	42 00		42 00
Torpee, Michael	42 00	42 00	84 00
Towne, Samuel C.		36 00	36 00
Wright, Charles H.	16 00	16 00	32 00
Way, Joseph		45 30	45 30

\$999 20 \$1431 85 \$2541 05

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM, FEBRUARY 27, 1866.

1 yoke oxen,	\$240 00	3/4 bushel peas,	\$1 00
6 cows,	340 00	4 manure forks,	4 00
8 two years old cattle,	240 00	5 fowls,	1 50
14 tons hay,	196 00	1 grindstone,	1 50
5 shoats,	105 00	1 mowing machine,	75 00
30 bushels corn,	30 00	10 scythes and 6 snaths,	6 00
1 bushel beans,	1 75	2 wheelbarrows,	2 00
25 bushels oats,	12 50	1 hand sled,	50
55 cords wood,	165 00	1 leech tub,	2 00
3 harrows,	9 00	25 bushels ashes,	5 00
4 plows,	10 00	3 large chains,	3 00
2 cultivators,	6 00	3 small chains,	1 00
2 horse-rakes,	5 00	2 whiffletrees,	75
1 stone boat,	2 00	2 iron bars,	1 50
1 large rake,	1 00	2 shaving horses,	1 50
1 wagon,	12 00	1 work bench and tools,	7 00
4 shovels,	3 00	7 hoes,	2 50
7 hay forks,	3 00	1 manure hook,	50
6 rakes,	1 50	2 sleighs,	3 00
3 flails,	75	4 baskets,	1 25
3 ladders,	2 50	1 buffalo robe,	6 00
4 ox yokes,	6 00	1 horse blanket,	3 00
1 winnowing mill,	12 00	3 saw horses,	2 00

1 ox sled,	\$2 50	Lot of tin ware,	\$5 00
1 ox sled traverse,	15 00	Half barrel flour,	6 50
4 mats,	1 00	8 wooden pails,	1 50
18 sap buckets,	3 00	1 two gallon jug,	37
4 cattle ties,	1 60	1 two quart jug,	25
4 wooden ties,	1 00	1 bucket for sugar,	4 50
13 axes,	7 00	30 doz. candles,	6 00
4 wood saws,	2 50	4 iron kettles,	1 00
2 wedges,	50	2 brass kettles,	6 00
8 scythe stones,	1 50	2 apple parers,	1 75
1 chest and contents,	1 50	1 pr. steelyards,	50
2 hammers,	50	1 seive,	25
2 sickles,	50	1 flour sifter,	1 00
6 meal bags,	1 50	2 tubs and pickles,	2 00
1 cart and hay rigging,	10 00	3 mops,	70
2 hatchets,	50	5 tables,	2 50
3 cooking stoves and furniture,	60 00	1 shoe float,	25
5 box stoves,	25 00	1 salt mortar,	25
27 chairs,	4 00	3 chests and drawers,	2 00
3 grain measures,	50	1 desk,	75
3 wash tubs,	2 00	2 sinks,	4 00
1 scalding tub,	1 00	4 flat irons,	1 00
2 wash boards,	20	6 tin pails,	3 00
6 stone jars,	1 30	1 dish pan,	25
4 iron basins,	80	2 butter knives,	50
2 spiders and 2 tea kettles,	1 50	13 bed cords,	3 00
1 cheese basket,	50	11 straw ticks,	6 00
1 clothes basket,	25	32 knives and 26 forks,	5 00
1 gal. molasses,	1 00	1 clothes line,	25
18 table spoons,	1 25	3 cupboards,	2 00
14 tea spoons,	75	5 tumblers,	40
1 dinner bell,	40	2 lanterns,	2 00
2 shovels, 2 pr. tongs,	1 00	Crockery,	8 00
2 dripping pans,	60	8 chambers,	1 75
3 doz. clothes pins,	60	3 mirrors,	40
6 wash dishes,	130	1 bushel grass seed,	75
13 feather beds,	70 00	10 long towels,	6 00
13 bedsteads,	5 00	6 short towels,	2 00
13 blankets and quilts,	6 50	1 spinning wheel,	50
1 large Bible,	1 00	1 cheese press,	3 00
10 comforters,	10 00	1 clothes frame,	30
40 sheets,	20 00	2 meat benches,	50
36 pillow cases,	7 00	4 corn cutters,	1 00
100 tin pans,	20 00	3 small chests,	50
1 churn,	1 50	4 brooms,	1 60
		1 twelve gallon keg,	25

4 cider barrels,	\$3 00	1 sausage filler,	\$0 50
1 cheese box,	25	1 meal chest,	1 00
2 wash benches,	25	30 lbs. pie meat,	10 00
55 lbs. lard,	13 75	1 bull ring and chain,	50
30 " sausage meat,	6 00	2½ lbs. tea,	3 50
60 " fresh meat,	8 40	1 hog box,	1 00
225 lbs. hams and shoul-		1 cheese tub,	1 00
ders,	45 00	4 strainers,	1 50
500 lbs. salt pork,	100 00	12 lbs. dried pumpkin,	1 00
225 lbs. salt beef,	22 50	1 trunk and contents,	5 00
65 lbs. butter,	25 00	5 yards carpeting,	1 00
6 meat barrels,	6 00	8600 feet hemlock logs at	
1 barrel soap,	6 00	mill,	60 00
50 bushels potatoes,	25 00	Lot cabbages and carrots,	75
12 lbs. dried apple,	2 40	1 large curtain,	1 50
4 table cloths,	1 00	Lot of hens' feathers,	1 60
16 window curtains,	2 50	1 spittoon,	42
2 glass lamps,	30	1 harness,	9 00
7 butter firkins,	2 00	1 pair feeting,	75
½ barrel vinegar,	6 00	142 ft. oak plank at rail-	
15 flour barrels,	1 50	road,	12 55
1 box salt,	45	Claim against Geo. Hart	
1 hay knife,	1 33	estate,	10 14
65 lbs. soap grease,	5 20		
3 trunks,	2 50		\$2,338 86
Lot hops and sage,	2 25		
Inventory of 1866,			\$2,338 86
Inventory of 1865,			2,256 63

Making a gain during this year of \$82 24

JAMES H. FULLER, TOWN FARM AGENT,

In account with the Town, March 6, 1866.

	Debit.
Paid Abel Hunt, two cows,	\$90 00
George Gilmore, hens,	5 00
J. H. Fuller, one barrel beef,	20 00
Ticket, Thomas Jones,	3 95
For threshing,	7 17
Cummings, dif. cattle,	15 25
Gilmore, shoe making,	8 00
Charles Gay, cattle,	175 00
Charles Willard, sawing ties,	11 67
Repairs water works,	8 50
Harriman, blacksmithing,	5 65
Labor,	163 39
Butcher's bill,	11 10

Paid Store bill,	\$10 48
Grain and flour,	24 67
Tin and glass,	3 95
Sundries,	54 25
Cash, Charles Gay,	20 00
70 pounds pork,	11 67
Amount due the town,	144 86

\$794 56

Credit.

By Cash, Perry, for cow,	64 00
Johnson & Fisher, for beans,	14 25
Lathrop, for grass seed,	5 25
Lathrop, for bark,	22 50
J. M. Glidden, for railroad ties,	111 40
Judkins, for steer,	34 00
Spooner, for potatoes,	3 41
Stearns, for cattle,	116 00
Briggs, for boards,	22 50
Blood, for pasturing,	3 62
George Gleason,	14 00
Sale of calves,	18 12
Sale of hides,	11 17
Sale of beef,	6 02
Sale of poultry,	52 35
Sale of pigs,	168 50
Sale of hog,	26 17
Sale of cheese,	100 15
Sundries,	1 15

\$794 56

GEORGE OLCOTT, TREASURER,

In account with the Town for year ending March 5th, 1866.

	Debit.
To balance March 10, 1865,	\$1,162 26
Cash of Collector Whipple, 1862,	9 30
Collector Kimball, 1863,	88 73
Collector Whipple, 1864,	237 37
Collector Whipple, 1865,	9,591 27
Highway tax, 1864,	30 00
Charles B. Jaseph,	35 00
Lucy J. Wheaton,	125 00
Town Farm,	425 00
County paupers,	1,770 67
State of New Hampshire,	3,068 00

To Cash	State of New Hampshire,	\$3,585 20
	Savings Bank tax,	433 65
	Town Hall,	14 00
	Police Court fees,	13 04
	Borrowed,	6,750 00

\$27,338 49

Credit.

By cash paid for schools,	\$1,933 63
Roads and bridges,	500 00
County paupers,	904 92
Town paupers,	1,121 59
Town farm,	1,166 52
Town debt,	13,620 01
Town officers,	963 66
Cemeteries,	49 48
Abatement taxes,	440 96
Substitutes,	2,750 00
Soldier's Aid,	2,215 00
Incidentals,	1,176 14
Outstanding order,	11 75
By balance due the Town,	484 45

\$27,338 49

BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, TAX COLLECTOR,

In account with the Town, March 6, 1866.	Debit.
To balance of tax bills to March 7, 1865,	\$664 26
Tax bill for 1865, residents,	16,472 97
Tax bill for 1865, non-residents,	1,314 17
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	\$18,451 40

Credit.

By cash paid on tax bills of 1862,	\$9 30
Tax bills of 1864,	237 37
Tax bills of 1865,	9,591 27
State Tax, 1865,	5,760 00
County Tax, 1865,	1,780 80
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	\$17,378 74

Balance due the Town, \$1,072 66

Of this balance of outstanding taxes, the sum of \$616.03 is for the non-resident taxes on Connecticut River National Bank stock, the payment on which has been refused. It is expected that the whole question will be settled before long by a decision from the Supreme Court of the United States.

Town Indebtedness.

Notes due as follows :

To Lewis Lane,	\$700 00
Simeon F. Ellinwood,	500 00
Horace Hubbard,	800 00
Martha Hubbard,	700 00
Joel Bartlett,	850 00
Edwin F. Hubbard,	500 00
George Brooks,	1,800 00
Benjamin Whipple,	1,000 00
George H. Kittredge,	800 00
David Holton,	700 00
Charles H. Watt,	500 00
Jenison J. Hubbard,	3,000 00
Connecticut River Savings Bank,	24,600 00
Hiram Smith,	300 00
Ann Tarble,	650 00
Nancy Tarble,	375 00
Franklin Smith,	500 00
Charlotte M. Sumner,	1,060 00
Daniel Clark,	600 00

\$39,935 00

Swan Fund, 933 33

Balance due District No. 1, \$66 75

Balance due District No. 4, 7 64

Balance due District No. 9, 2 00

Balance due District No. 10, 179 94

Balance due District No. 14, 29 98—286 31

\$40,554 64

Due J. H. Fuller, Town Farm Agent, 195 14

\$40,749 78**PROPERTY OF THE TOWN.**

Town farm,	\$3,500 00
Personal property on farm,	2,338 86
Balance tax bill due from C. Piper,	71 47
C. C. Kimball,	34 07
S. Garfield,	167 29
B. Whipple,	1,072 66
Due from State for advances of State aid,	500 00
Gravel Pits,	100 00

Note in settlement of Wood's case,	\$200 00
Balance of the indebtedness of the town,	32,764 43
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	\$40,749 78

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums for the year 1866:

For State tax,	\$5,776 00
County tax,	2,730 56
Schools,	2,000 00
Roads and bridges,	500 00
Town officers,	700 00
Paupers,	900 00
Interest on Town debt,	2,600 00
Incidentals,	500 00
Cemeteries,	200 00
Highways,	1400 00
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	\$17,306 56

Which is submitted by

CHARLES GAY,	}	Selectmen of Charlestown.
EBEN H. TIDD,		
GEORGE OLCOTT,		

CHARLESTOWN, New Hampshire, March 6, 1866.

We hereby certify that we have examined the within account of the Selectmen of Charlestown, and believe the same to be correct and properly vouched.

HENRY HUBBARD,	}	Auditors.
BROOKS KIMBALL,		
JONATHAN BAKER,		





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